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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A. Restriction Election

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 17, 2004, with a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 17, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Group I including claims 1-10 and 21-30) while reserving the right to traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants firmly believe that the restriction is improper under current Patent Office rules and guidelines.

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No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorney listed below if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining questions or issues related to this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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